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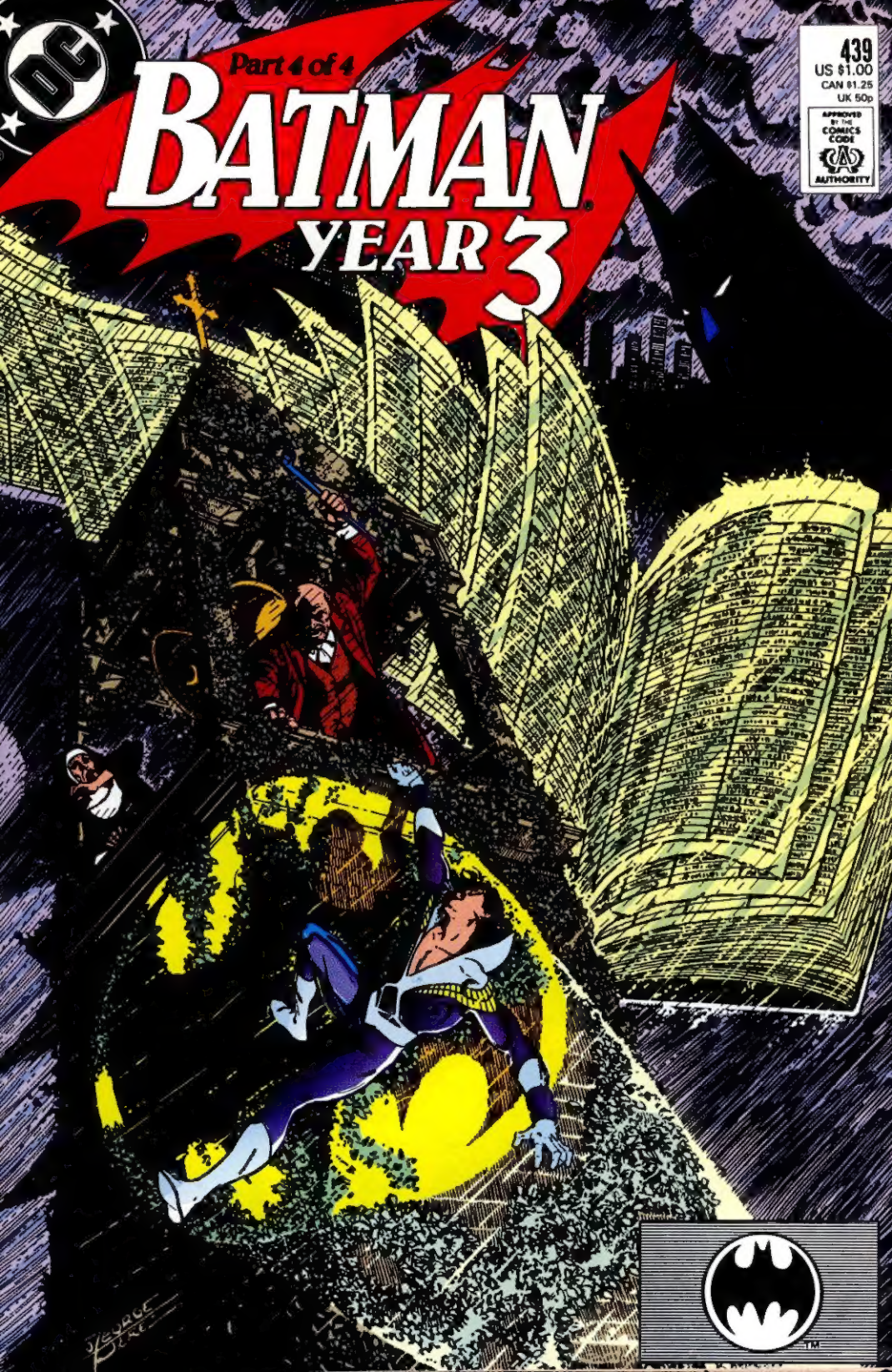
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WHEN ANTHONY ZUCCO WAS TWELVE, HE TRIED TO KILL THE FURY WHO KILLED HIS FATHER.



A LIFETIME OF BLOOD AND BULLETS THAT BEGAN BEFORE HE BECAME A MAN OVER EXACTLY TWO MINUTES AGO.

BATMAN YEAR III CHAPTER FOUR: RESOLUTIONS

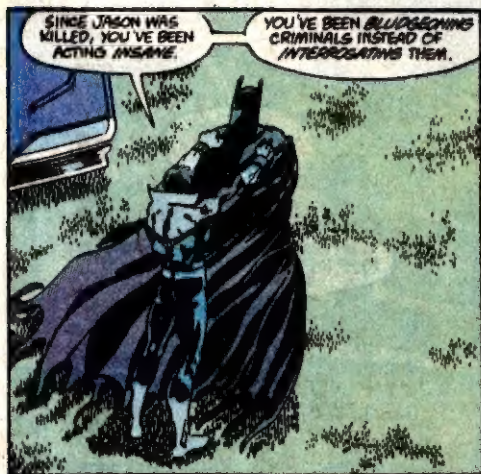
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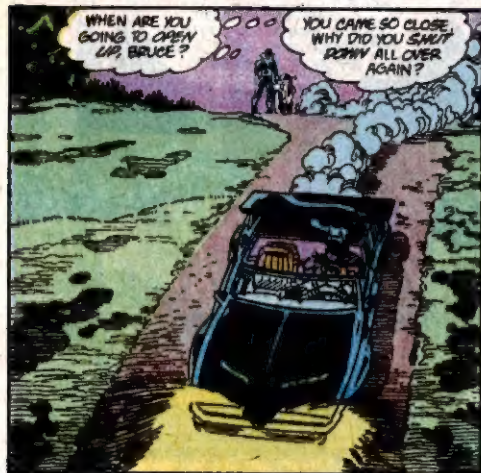


YOU ~~KNOW~~ THEY WERE GOING TO KILL HIM, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU KNEW IT, AND YOU LET THEM.

MY GOD, BRUCE-- WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?





WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO OPEN UP, BRUCE?

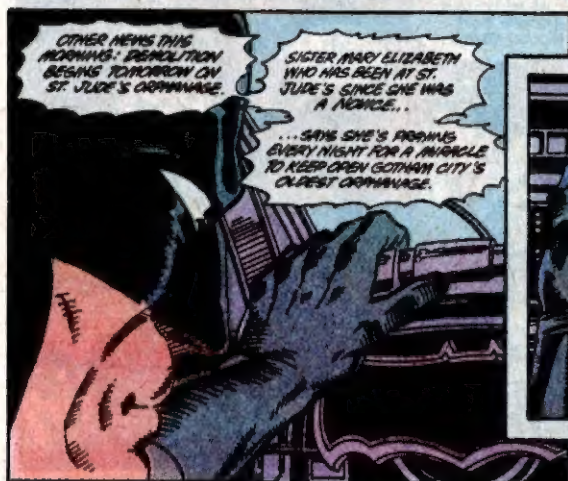
YOU CAME SO CLOSE, WHY DID YOU SHUT DOWN ALL OVER AGAIN?



THIS JUST IN. ONE-TIME MOB BOSS ANTHONY ZUCCO WAS BRUTALLY GUNNED DOWN EARLIER THIS MORNING AS HE WAS LEAVING GOTHAM PENITENTIARY.



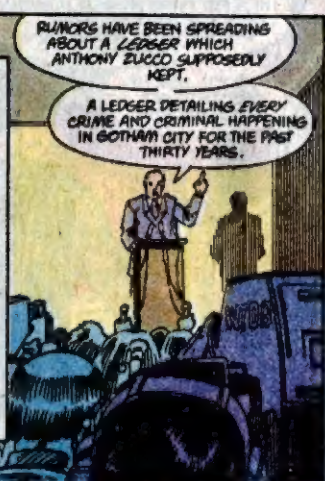
ZUCCO, SERVING ONLY ELEVEN YEARS OF A SIXTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR THE MURDERS OF TWO CIRCUS PERFORMERS, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED ANGRILY.



OTHER NEWS THIS MORNING: DEMOLITION BEGINS TOMORROW ON ST. JUDE'S ORPHANAGE.

SISTER MARY ELIZABETH WHO HAS BEEN AT ST. JUDE'S SINCE SHE WAS A NOVICE...

...SAYS SHE'S DREAMS EVERY NIGHT FOR A MIRACLE TO KEEP OPEN GOTHAM CITY'S OLDEST ORPHANAGE.



RUMORS HAVE BEEN SPREADING ABOUT A LEDGER WHICH ANTHONY ZUCCO SUPPOSEDLY KEPT.

A LEDGER DETAILING EVERY CRIME AND CRIMINAL HAPPENING IN GOTHAM CITY FOR THE PAST THIRTY YEARS.

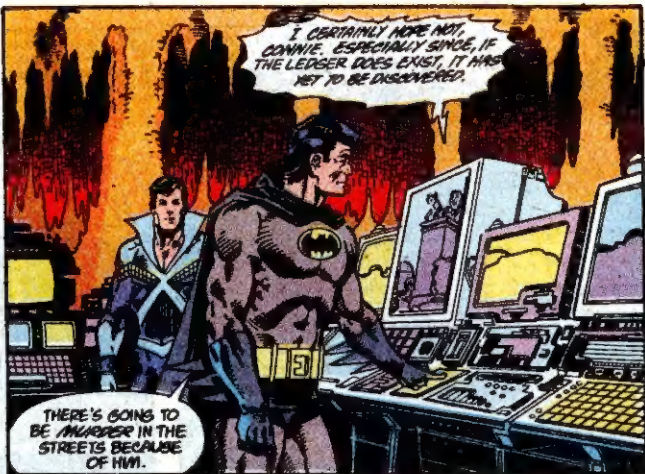
IT APPEARS GOTHAM'S CRIMINAL GANGS ARE SEARCHING FOR ZUCCO'S DIARY, NOT ONLY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE INCrimINATING EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT BE REVEALED...





... BUT TO BLACKMAIL RIVAL GANGS WITH THAT SAME INFORMATION.

MR. TAFT, ARE YOU PRE-DICTING A BLOODY GANGS WAR?



I CERTAINLY HOPE NOT, GORDON. ESPECIALLY SINCE, IF THE LEDGER DOES EXIST, IT HAS YET TO BE DISCOVERED.

THERE'S GOING TO BE MURDER IN THE STREETS BECAUSE OF HIM.



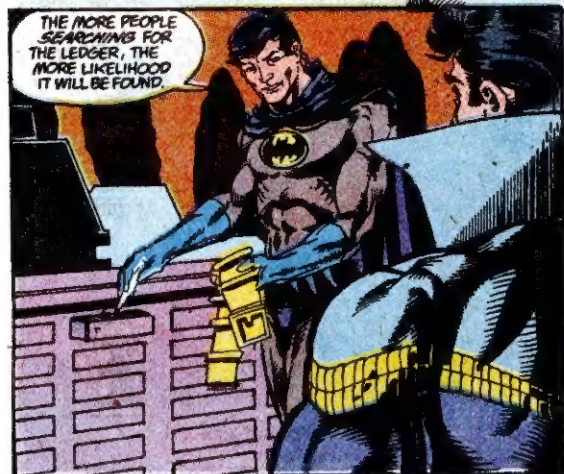
HE'S PUT EVERY CRIMINAL IN GOTHAM ON NOTICE THAT THEIR ENTIRE CAREERS MIGHT BECOME AN OPEN BOOK.

THEY'LL TEAR UP THE CITY TO GET ZUCCO'S LEDGER.



HE MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD HAPPEN.

HE WANTS IT TO.



THE MORE PEOPLE SEARCHING FOR THE LEDGER, THE MORE LIKELIHOOD IT WILL BE FOUND.



AND IF IT'S FOUND, THE MORE LIKELIHOOD THERE IS THAT TAFT WILL GET HIS HANDS ON IT.

I DON'T GET IT, WHY?

DICK, ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

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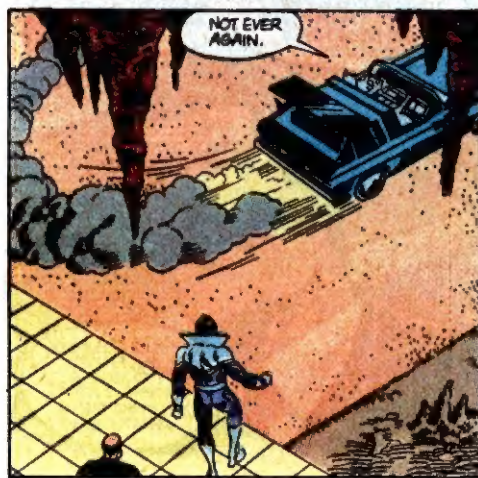


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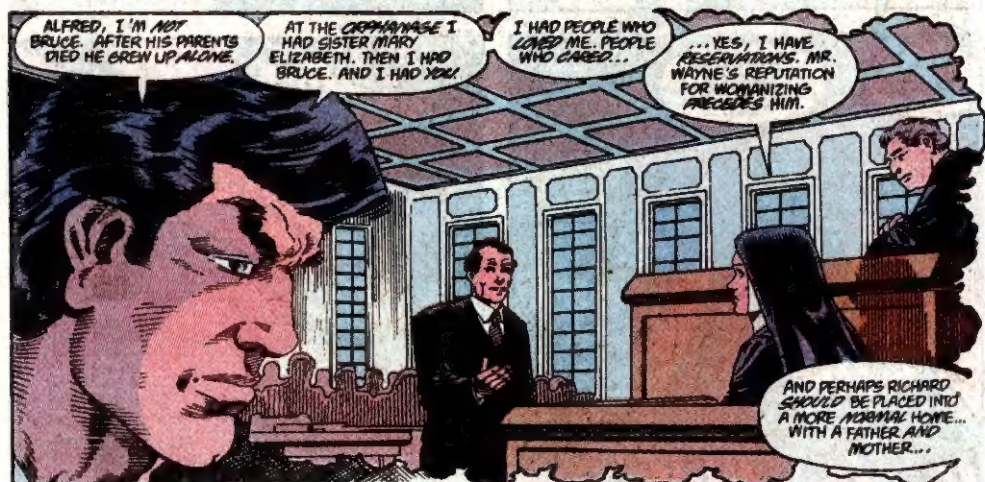
AND AFRAID OF
WHAT WOULD
THEN HAPPEN
TO HIM?



I CAN
SYMPATHIZE.

I WAS AFRAID WHAT YOU WOULD
DO IF I TOLD YOU ZUCCO WAS
ABOUT TO BE FREED.

FEAR
OVERRULES
LOGIC.



ALFRED, I'M NOT
BRUCE. AFTER HIS PARENTS
DIED HE GROW UP ALONE.

AT THE ORPHANAGE I
HAD SISTER MARY
ELIZABETH. THEN I HAD
BRUCE. AND I HAD YOU.

I HAD PEOPLE WHO
LOVED ME. PEOPLE
WHO CARED...

...YES, I HAVE
RESERVATIONS. MR.
WAYNE'S REPUTATION
FOR WOMANIZING
PRECEDES HIM.

AND PERHAPS RICHARD
SHOULD BE PLACED INTO
A MORE NORMAL HOME...
WITH A FATHER AND
MOTHER...



... BUT I'VE HAD SEVERAL
LONG MEETINGS WITH
MR. WAYNE.

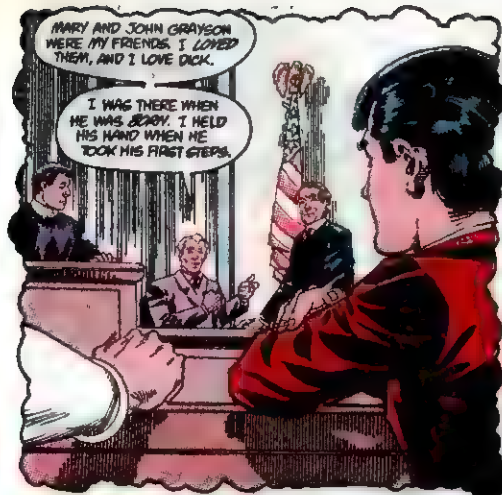
HE WAS CANDID.
HE MENTIONED ALL
THE PROBLEMS MAKING
RICHARD GRAYSON HIS WARD
WOULD CAUSE. FRANKLY,
HIS HONESTY SURPRISED
ME.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS
I CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY I
CAN SPOT A PHONY EVEN
BEFORE HE CAN OPEN
HIS MOUTH.

BRUCE WAYNE,
WHATEVER ELSE HE
MAY BE, IS NO
PHONY.



THERE ARE TIMES
ONE MUST HAVE
FOUR TO MAKE A
DECISION. I PRAY
YOU MAKE THE
RIGHT ONE.





MY PARENTS WERE
KILLED BY CRIMINALS
AS WERE HIS.

I KNOW WHAT
IT'S LIKE. I KNOW
THE LONELINESS, THE
FEARS, THE NIGHT-
MARES.

I KNOW
IT ALL.



NOBODY
UNDERSTOOD
WHEN IT
HAPPENED
TO ME.

NOBODY
UNDERSTOOD
WHAT IT DOES
TO YOU. BUT
I DO.

I WATCHED AS
HIS PARENTS DIED
AND MY HEART WENT
OUT TO HIM.



YOUR HONOR, I CARE
FOR THE BOY. I WANT
TO HELP HIM.

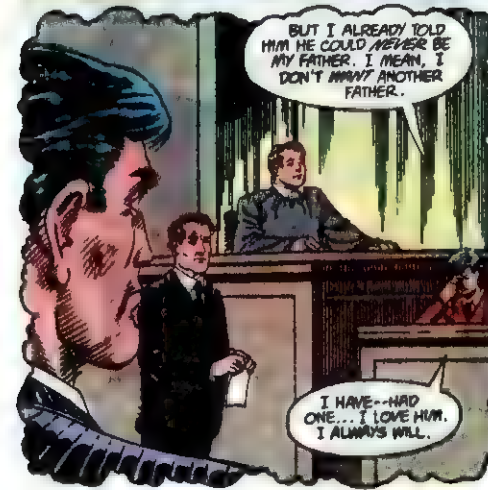
HE NEEDS SOMEONE
TO UNDERSTAND AND
TO LOVE HIM.

PLEASE...
ALLOW ME THAT
PRIVILEGE.



YOU'RE ASKING ME ALL
THESE QUESTIONS, AND
I DON'T KNOW WHAT
TO SAY.

I DON'T KNOW
MR. WAYNE. I
MEAN, I SPOKE
TO HIM AND HE
SEEMS NICE.



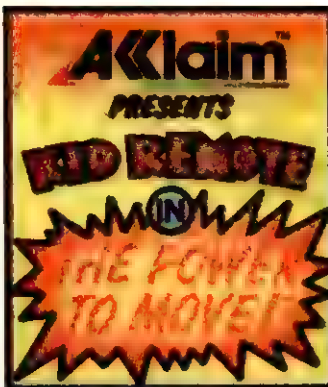
BUT I ALREADY TOLD
HIM HE COULD NEVER BE
MY FATHER. I MEAN, I
DON'T WANT ANOTHER
FATHER.

I HAVE--HAD
ONE... I LOVE HIM.
I ALWAYS WILL.



BUT MR. WAYNE SAID HE
WASN'T GOING TO TRY
TO BE MY FATHER. HE
WOULDN'T ADOPT ME.
HE'D JUST MAKE
ME HIS AMBER.

HE SAID ALL HE WANTED
WAS TO MAKE THINGS AS
GOOD AS HE COULD FOR ME.



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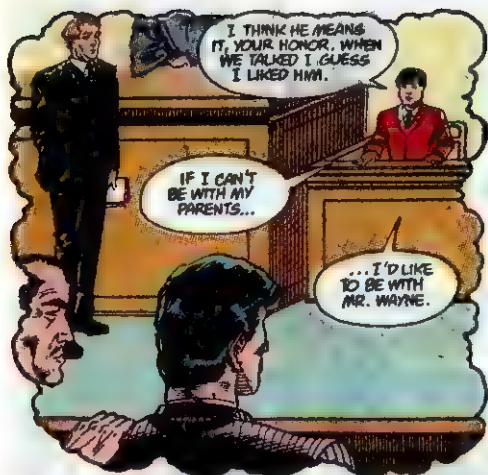
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IT, YOUR HONOR. WHEN
WE TALKED I GUESS
I LIKED HIM.

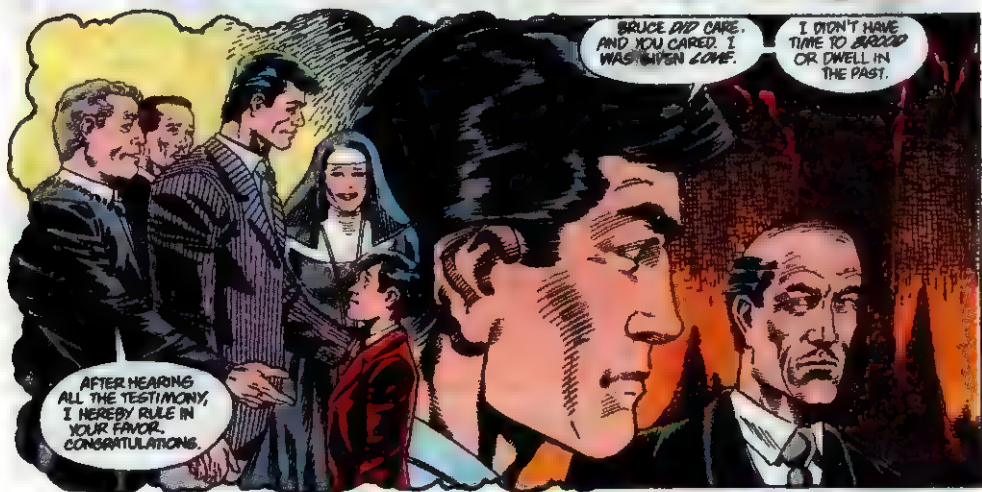
IF I CAN'T
BE WITH MY
PARENTS...

...I'D LIKE
TO BE WITH
MR. WAYNE.



MR. WAYNE, YOU'VE
PETITIONED THE COURT
TO MAKE RICHARD
GRAYSON YOUR WARD.

YOU APPEAR TO
UNDERSTAND THE
RESPONSIBILITY YOU
ARE UNDERTAKING...



AFTER HEARING
ALL THE TESTIMONY,
I HEREBY RULE IN
YOUR FAVOR.
CONGRATULATIONS.

BRUCE DID CARE.
AND YOU CARED. I
WAS GIVEN LOVE.

I DIDN'T HAVE
TIME TO ~~SURVIV~~
OR DWELL IN
THE PAST.



YOU WOULDN'T HAVE
WANTED TO LASH OUT
AGAINST ZUCCO?

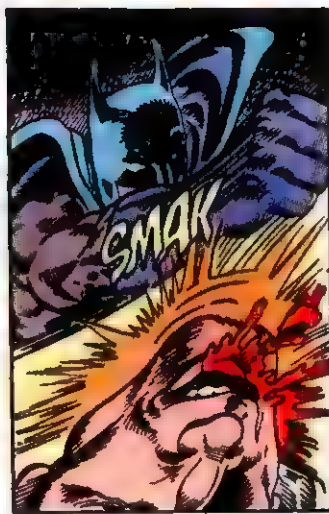
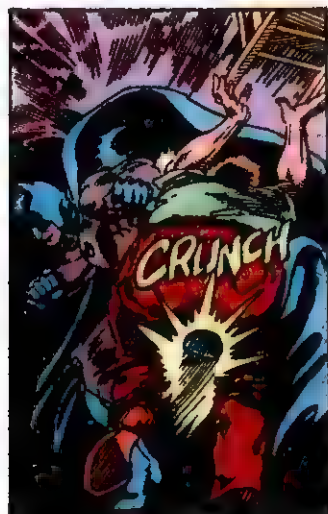
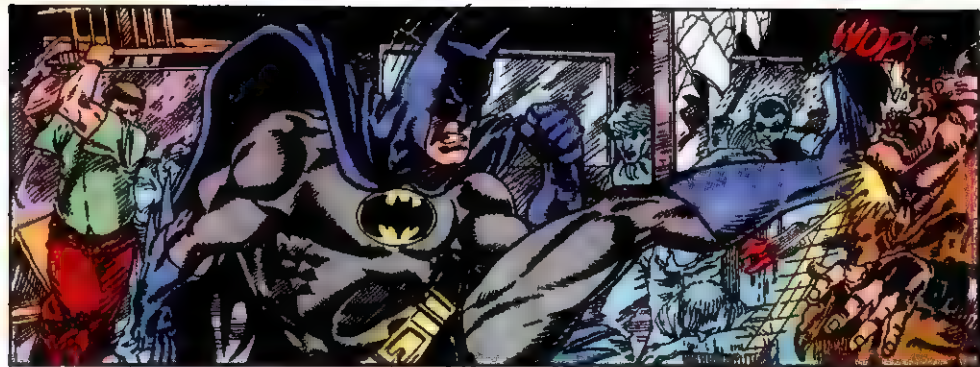
WANTED TO?
OF COURSE
I'D WANT TO.

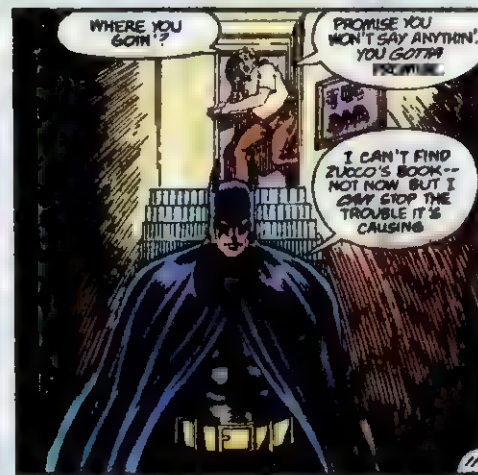
HOW COULD I
FORGET WHAT I
FELT WHEN I
WATCHED MY
PARENTS FALLING
TO THEIR DEATHS?

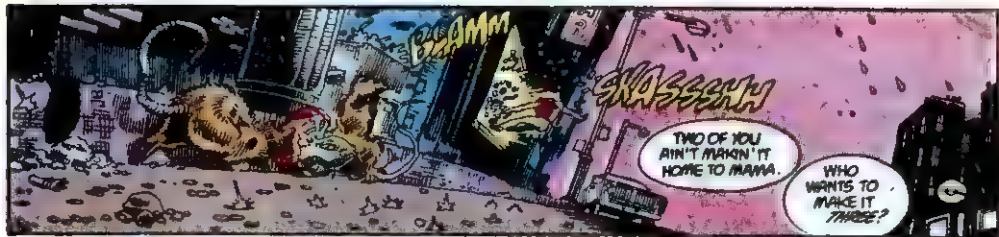


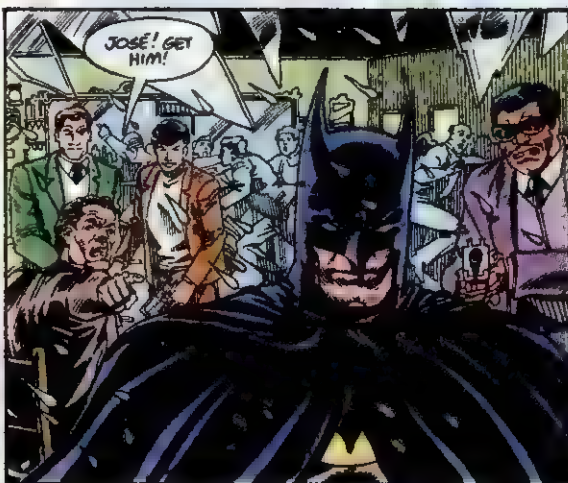
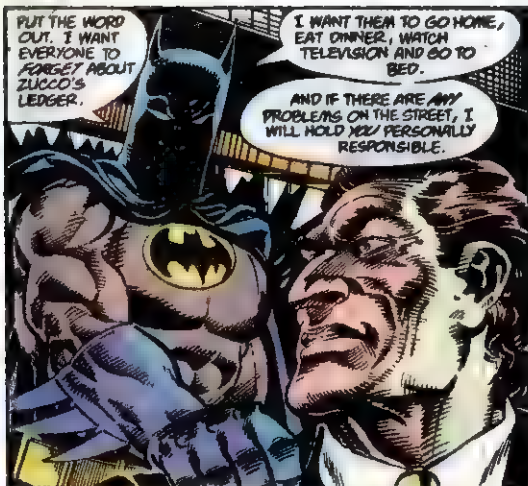
BRUCE NEEDS
HELP. HE DOESN'T
WANT IT--BUT HE
NEEDS IT.

I'M GOING TO VISIT
ZUCCO'S PALS. MAYBE
THEY KNOW SOMETHING
ABOUT THE LEDGER.



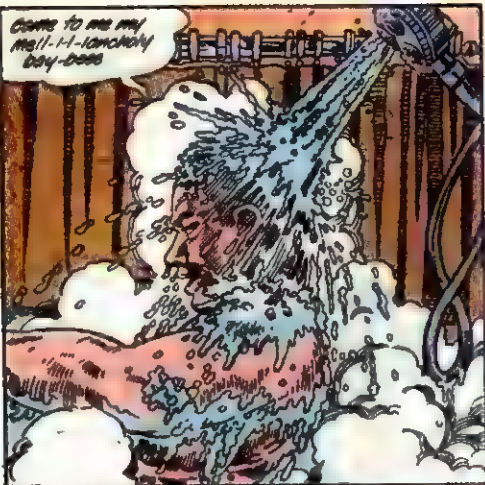








COME TO ME MY
MOM! I-I-I-MOMMY
Doo-dee



DON'T SING ANYMORE,
DREXEL. PLEASE DON'T SING
ANY MORE. JUST TALK. TELL
ME ABOUT TAFT AND ZUGGO.

WHY--?



START WITH TAFT--
THAT LITTLE CAPER HE
PULLED A FEW YEARS
AGO...

YOU MEAN
BRIBIN' THE
JUDGE ON
THAT TAX
THING?

NOW YOU
KNOW ABOUT
THAT?

I DIDN'T,
BUT I DO
NOW.



YOU
SUCKERED
ME!

YEAH. ROTTEN
OF ME, WASN'T
IT?

YOU'VE JUST EXPLAINED
WHY TAFT IS STIRRING UP
TROUBLE. HE WANTS THE
BOOK FOUND SO HE CAN
DESTROY IT.



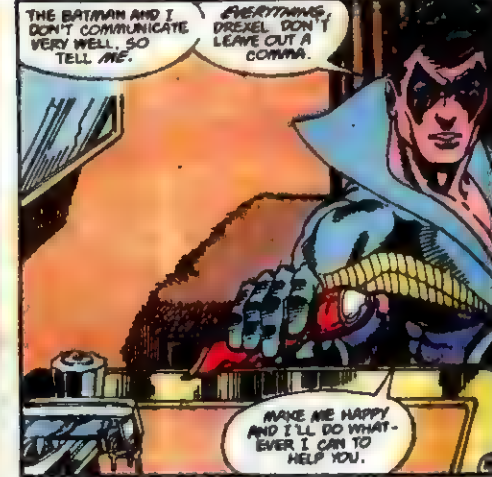
NOW LET'S TALK
ABOUT ZUGGO
HIMSELF.

DON'T YOU MASKED
GUYS EVER GET TOGETHER?
I TOLD THE BATMAN
EVERYTHING I KNOW,
WHICH AIN'T MUCH.

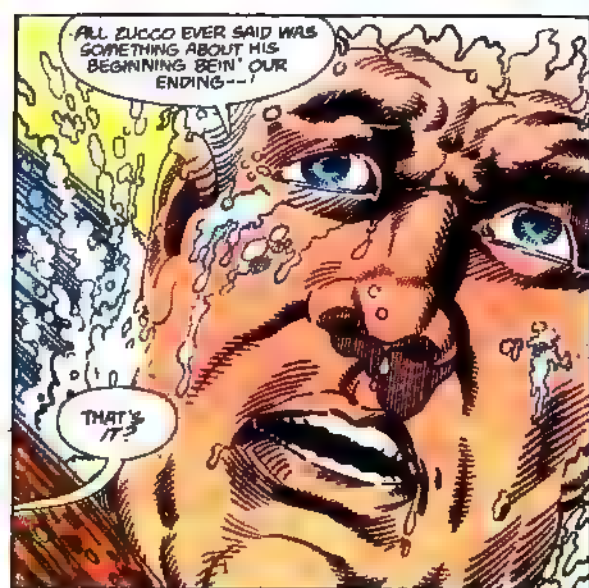


THE BATMAN AND I
DON'T COMMUNICATE
VERY WELL, SO
TELL ME.

EVERYTHING
DREXEL DON'T
LEAVE OUT A
COMMA.



MAKE ME HAPPY
AND I'LL DO WHAT-
EVER I CAN TO
HELP YOU.



BIONIC POWER

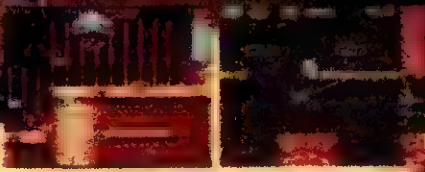


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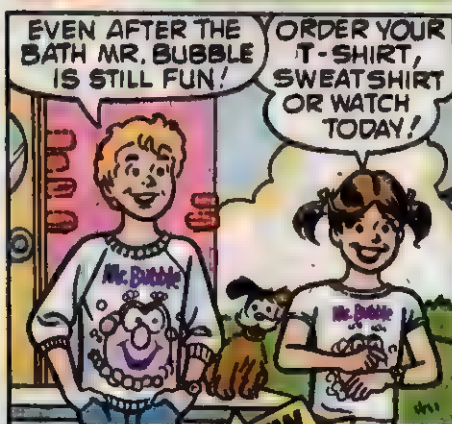
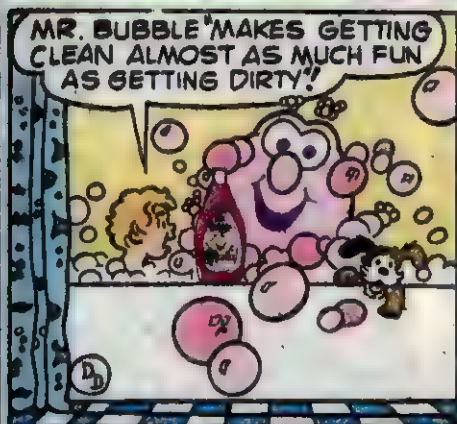
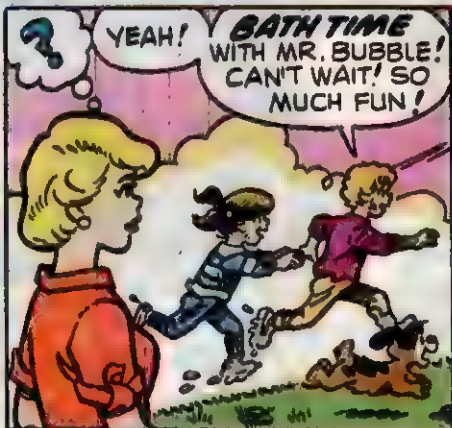
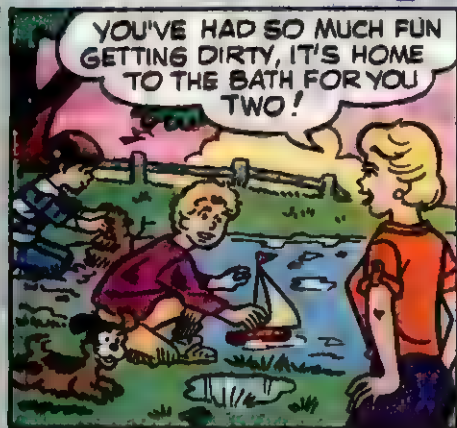
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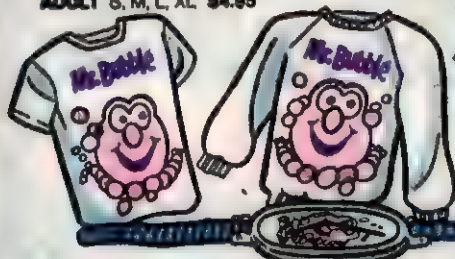
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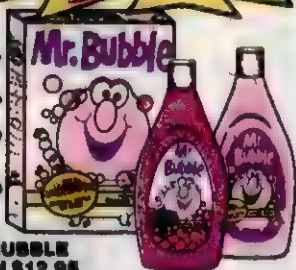
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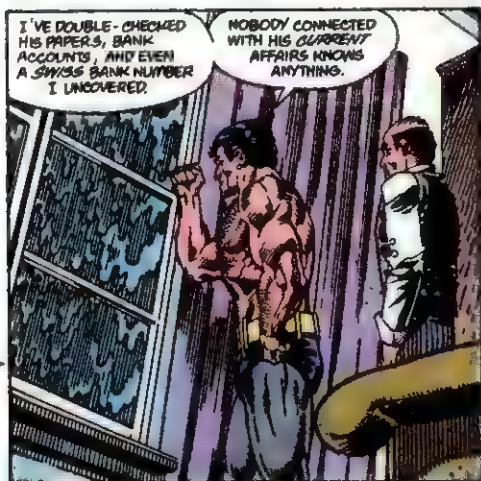


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"This was my home for the month I took Bruce to cottage to make me his ward. It was also Zucco's home, until he finally ran away."



"His beginning. And if I'm right, his ending."

DO YOU NEED HELP?



"I don't need to turn to recognize that voice. It's coarser than when I last heard it..."

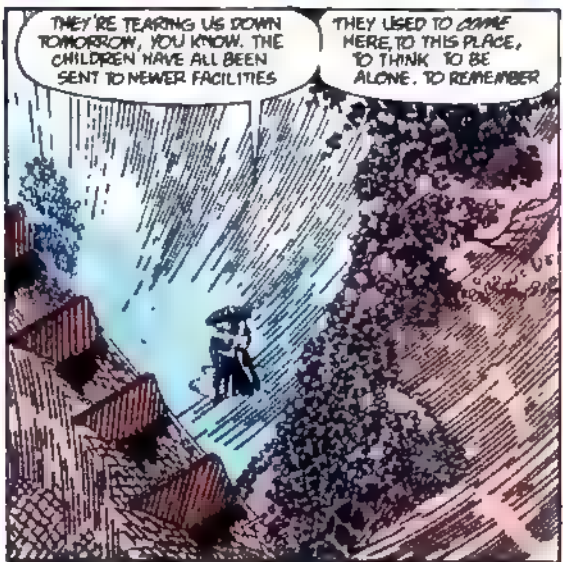
"...but time doesn't diminish all memories."

NO THANKS, SISTER. I JUST CAME HERE TO LOOK.



I'M AHEAD/THINGS... FROM THE TITANS

I KNOW YOU... I KNOW YOU VERY WELL



THEY'RE TEARING US DOWN TOMORROW, YOU KNOW. THE CHILDREN HAVE ALL BEEN SENT TO NEWER FACILITIES

THEY USED TO COME HERE, TO THIS PLACE, TO THINK TO BE ALONE. TO REMEMBER



REMEMBER?

TIMES HAVE CHANGED. THEY'RE BUILDING A NEW SHOPPING CENTER HERE, THEY TELL ME.

SOMEHOW PROGRESS DOESN'T SEEM SO MUCH LIKE PROGRESS TO ME



BUT YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT. SO TELL ME, WHY HAVE YOU COME?

TO FIND OUT ABOUT A MAN WHO STAYED HERE FOR AWHILE ANTHONY ZUCCO.

HOW COULD I FORGET ANTHONY?

IT WAS ELEVEN YEARS AGO I WAS IN MY ROOM WHEN I HEARD A NOISE. I WENT OUT TO CHECK ON IT.

THAT'S WHEN I SAW HIM LEAVING THE BELL TOWER CARRYING A SMALL PAIR.

HE PAUSED BEFORE THE STATUE, AND PRAYED

I WENT TO CALL THE POLICE...

...BUT WHEN I RETURNED, HE WAS GONE

MIND IF I LOOK AROUND?

THE TOWER IS OPEN TO ALL

THIS IS PROBABLY THE LAST PLACE ZUCCO WAS EVER DARED FOR.

SO, ELEVEN YEARS AGO, BEFORE BATMAN AND I PUT HIM IN PRISON, HE RETURNED HERE... TO HIS WORK.

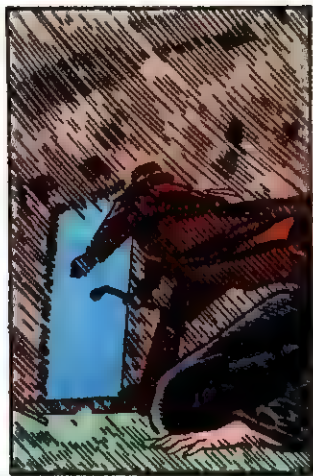
TO HIDE AWAY HIS PRIZE WHERE NOBODY WOULD EVER LOOK.

IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO YOUR CHILDHOOD, DOESN'T IT? TO WHEREVER YOU WERE HAPPIEST.

TO YOUR PRIVATE "ROSEBUD," WHATEVER IT IS.

THAT MORTAR IS THICKER HERE, SLOPHER.

AS IF SOMEONE DID A QUICK PATCH JOB.



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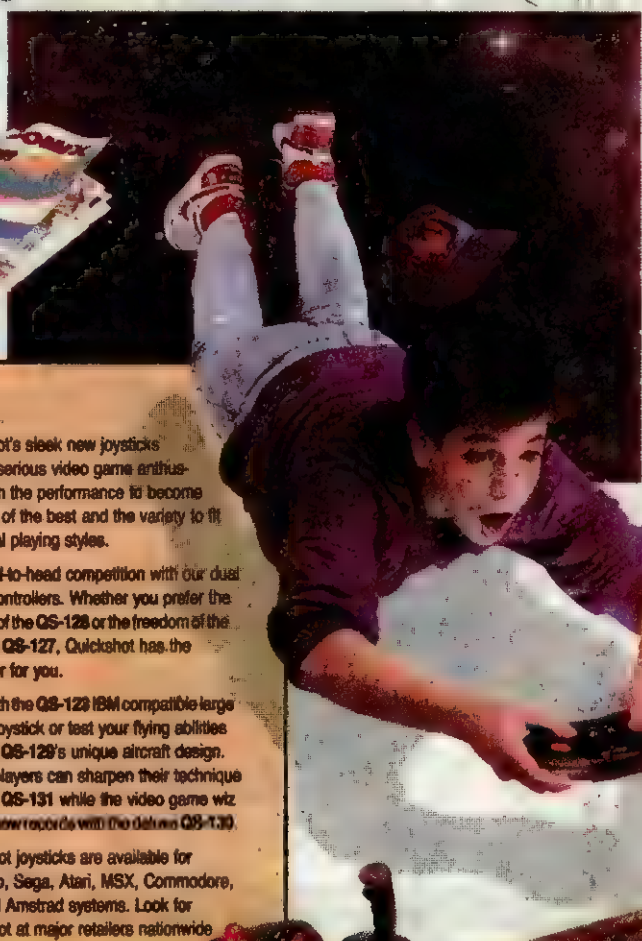
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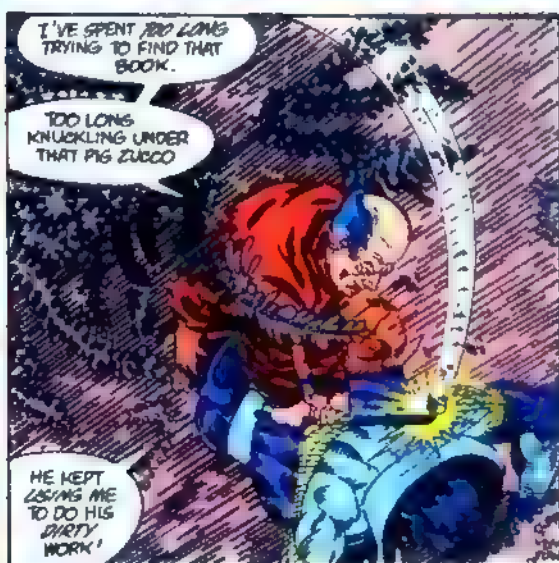
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HIS FEET MOVE SO
SLOWLY, LIKE HEAVY
ANCHORS DRAGGING
ON THEM.

HE SEEMS JARRED IN
AND AS STEEL WHIRLS
AGAINST SOFT FLESH.

ONE PARTNER
ALREADY DIED
ON HIM.

JARON... FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN MONTHS, THAT
NAME COMES TO HIS
LIPS.

BUT NOW IT'S
MY TURN.

ZUCCO'S
BOSS IS NOW
ALONE.

AND ALL THE
GANGS ARE GOING
TO BE MINE, TOO

I'M PICKING
UP WHERE
ZUCCO LEFT OFF.

NO! MAAA!

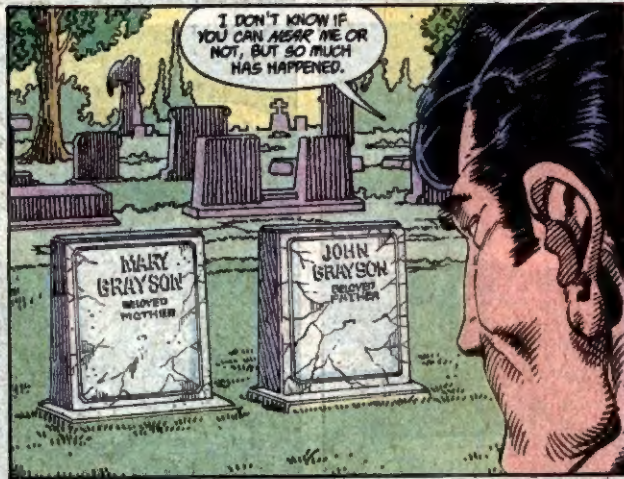
NEVER!

HE'S BONE-
OUT OF MY
LIFE.

NOBODY
TAKES OVER
FOR HIM--

--NOBODY!

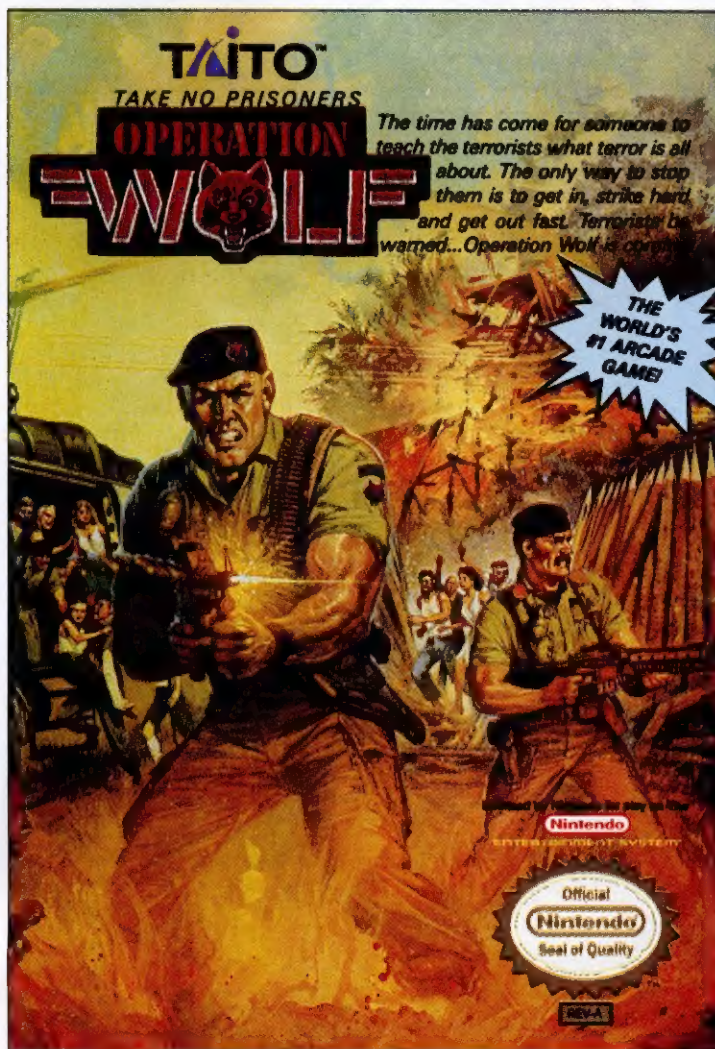




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